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*Whereas, New technology and newly accessible reserves have positioned the United States to become a global leader in oil and natural gas production;*

*Whereas, The new energy development has become a catalyst for economic growth, bringing affordable energy, jobs, revenues, and an accompanying resurgence of manufacturing;*

*Whereas, the United States crude oil and natural gas industry contributes more than \$1 trillion annually to the United States economy, or more than seven percent of the United States gross domestic product and supports more than nine million jobs;*

*Whereas, Canadian oil reserves are vast and are second only to Saudi Arabia;*

*Whereas, Canada currently is the largest supplier of the United States' imported oil, sending more than 99 percent of its oil exports to the United States, the bulk of which goes to Midwestern refineries;*



*Whereas, The same money used to buy Canadian oil will likely be spent directly on U.S. goods and services, as contrasted to the money sent to hostile governments later used to further antidemocratic agendas;*

*Whereas, Increasing energy imports from Canada makes sense for the United States; Canada is a trusted neighbor with a stable democratic government, strong environmental standards equal to that of the United States, and some of the most stringent human rights and worker protection legislation in the world;*

*Whereas, The growing production of conflict-free oil from Canada's oil sands and the Bakken formation in Saskatchewan, Montana, and North Dakota can replace crude oil imported from countries that do not share American values;*

*Whereas, The new North American opportunities are providing the U.S. government with a historic opportunity to dramatically enhance national energy security and affordability when America needs it most;*

*Whereas, A secure supply of oil and natural gas is not only needed for Americans to continue to heat their homes, cook their food, and drive their vehicles, but to allow the U.S. economy to thrive and grow free from the potential threats and disruptions of crude oil supply from less secure parts of the world;*

*Whereas, The United States will need more oil and gas, while also requiring additional alternative energy sources to fuel our economy;*

*Whereas, Worldwide competition for oil and natural gas will increase as third world countries' economies and population continue to grow at astonishing rates;*

*Whereas, Oil companies are investing huge sums to expand and upgrade refineries in the Midwest and elsewhere to make gasoline and other refined products from Canadian oil;*

*Whereas, Pipelines are the safest method for the*



*transportation of petroleum products when compared to other methods of transportation;*

*Whereas, Keystone XL pipeline project will replace the equivalent of a tanker train 25 miles long, or 200 ocean tankers per year, reducing greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 19 million tons or the equivalent of taking almost four million cars off the road;*

*Whereas, The Gulf Coast Pipeline Project is a \$2.3 billion project that will create approximately 4,000 construction jobs, the Keystone XL project will create approximately 9,000 construction jobs and, combined, they support yet another 7,000 manufacturing jobs;*

*Whereas, 75 percent of the pipe used to build Keystone XL in the U.S. will come from North American mills, including half made by U.S. workers; goods for the pipeline valued at approximately \$800 million have already been sourced from U.S. manufacturers;*

*Whereas, 87 percent of technically recoverable oil and natural gas resources on federal offshore acreage is off limits to development due to government policy; and*

*Whereas, The United States could be 100 percent energy independent for liquid fuels by 2025 if the government opened access to areas currently off limits and partnered with Canada to maximize its oil sands: Therefore,*

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 2           President of the United States and Congress to support the continued
- 3           and increased importation of oil derived from Canadian oil sands.
- 4           SECTION 2. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 5           President of the United States and Congress to grasp the opportunity to
- 6           make North America energy independent by ensuring America's tax,
- 7           regulatory, and access policies support developing our natural
- 8           resources safely and responsibly.
- 9           SECTION 3. That the Indiana House of Representatives urges the
- 10          United States Secretary of State to approve the newly routed pipeline



1 application from TransCanada to reduce dependence on unstable  
2 governments, improve our national security, and strengthen ties with  
3 an important ally.

4 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
5 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the President of  
6 the United States, the Secretary of State, and the members of the  
7 Indiana Congressional delegation.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Utilities and Energy, to which was referred House Resolution 47, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

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Committee Vote: yeas 10, nays 2.

